



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— July 27, 2020 —

The following information is intended to provide a brief overview of the Board's governance work at the Committee and Board meetings. The full agenda, meeting materials, video clips and official minutes can be found on the [Park Board website](#).

STAFF REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

Beaver Lake Enhancement Plan - Phase 1 Construction Contract

The Board approved awarding Luxton Construction a contract for the [Beaver Lake outlet enhancement project](#). The overall vision for Beaver Lake is for it to be a diverse and healthy ecosystem that provides leisure, access to nature, and recreation opportunities for the public balanced with the management of an urban beaver population. The current outlet culvert between Beaver Lake and Beaver Creek is regularly blocked by beaver dam construction, resulting in an increased flood risk, impacts to park infrastructure, and potential water quality issues. The proposed upgraded outlet structure has been designed to include features that help mitigate beaver activity and pathway flooding, while at the same time allow fish passage that is currently blocked. Work is expected to begin in August and be completed by November.

Liquor Consumption in Parks By-law & Pilot - Report Back

The Board approved the updated [Liquor Consumption in Parks Pilot](#) program and related by-law, which designates specific areas within [twenty-two parks located across the city where liquor may be consumed during the pilot](#). The goal of the pilot is to address the evolving needs of Vancouverites, particularly as a growing segment of the population has no access to a private yard and thus relies on parks and beaches for gatherings of friends and family. This need has been further heightened due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with BC public health officials advising that socializing outdoors at safe distances reduces the risk of virus transmission. The Board asked staff to explore including liquor sales in Park Board concessions as part of the pilot. The pilot is ready to implement once the required provincial legislation amendments have been made and the approved Board by-law has been enacted.

COVID-19 Pandemic - Parks & Recreation Reopening & Recovery Update

Staff presented an update on the [COVID-19 Parks & Recreation reopening and recovery strategy](#), which included an overview of the services reopening in alignment with BC's Phase 3 restart plan. Childcare services as well as priority and expanded programming will reopen in September. Staff are currently working on reopening plans for arenas, fitness centres, and indoor pools, with the needs and timing for these amenities still being assessed.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Acting General Manager presented an overview of topics included in the [GM's Report](#):

- Beaconsfield Park Playground Renewal – construction is scheduled for September 2020 and will feature new swings, spinners, slides, trampolines, a climbing net and a wooden play hut.
- Montgomery Park Project – renewal of the grass field at Montgomery Park aims to increase resiliency of playfields and accommodate longer and year round usage; construction is targeted to begin this fall and completion is expected by August 2021.
- New Point-of-Sale (POS) Solution – a new POS system was successfully launched in early July at nine Park Board concessions; it allows operators to process orders quicker and more efficiently, and works well with the existing financial and inventory control systems.



- Stanley Park Restaurant & Brewpub Anniversary Celebrations – in recognition of its 1 year anniversary, the venue will be hosting a series of special events, including afternoon and early evening outdoor 'backyard-themed' activities featuring yoga, picnic dining experiences, and acoustic music.

BY-LAWS

The Board approved the first, second and third readings of "[A By-law to Amend the Parks Control By-law Regarding Temporary Shelters in Parks](#)". As per the process outlined in the Park Board Procedure By-laws, the by-law will be considered for adoption at the next Regular Board meeting, which has been re-scheduled to September 14, 2020. Enactment of this by-law will implement the [Special Meeting decision](#) to permit those experiencing homelessness to erect temporary overnight shelter in parks.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for September 14, 2020* and will be held via video conference.

**previously scheduled for September 21*

